

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-23 (Cancelled)

Claim 24 (Currently Amended) A method for the correct application of an orthodontic fastening part onto a tooth comprising:

- a) selecting an orthodontic fastening part which is suitable for the correction of a tooth position,
- b) covering the fastening part on a surface distant to the tooth with a protector which has a receiver surface which is complementary to the fastening part,
- c) accommodating the covered fastening part with the protector in a complementary applicator with a positive fit,
- d) depositing the adhesive into an opening of the applicator, said applicator facing the tooth, and thus also onto the fastening part,
- e) aligning the fastening part on the tooth surface with the help of the applicator using aids formed on the outer surface of the applicator,
- f) curing the adhesive,
- g) removing the applicator, and
- h) removing the protector.

Claim 25 (Previously presented) A method according to claim 24, wherein an end contour of the applicator is adapted to the tooth surface in a bonding region before depositing the adhesive.

Claim 26 (Previously presented) A method according to claim 24, wherein the orthodontic fastening part is attached to the protector in a preassembled manner.

Claim 27 (Previously presented) A method according to claim 24, wherein the curing of the adhesive is effected by way of a polymerization lamp.

Claim 28 (Withdrawn) An orthodontic fastening part for the adhesive or bonding connection to a tooth surface comprising a bonding surface which is curved in a convex manner in at least one direction.

Claim 29 (Withdrawn) An orthodontic fastening part according to claim 28, wherein the fastening part is of several parts.

Claim 30 (Withdrawn) An orthodontic fastening part according to claim 28, wherein the bonding surface is provided with a structure and surface which increase the bonding.

Claim 31 (Withdrawn) A protector for accommodating an orthodontic fastening part to be bonded, the protector comprising a complementary shaping accommodating the orthodontic fastening part such that parts of the fastening part serving for the connection to force-transmitting elements are sealingly covered.

Claim 32 (Withdrawn) A protector according to claim 31, wherein the protection together with the orthodontic fastening part has a shape having an outer contour without undercuts.

Claim 33 (Withdrawn) A projector according to claim 31, wherein a recess for a meshingly engaging connection to an applicator is present in the outer contour.

Claim 34 (Withdrawn) A protector according to claim 31, wherein the protector is manufactured of plastic.

Claim 35 (Withdrawn) A protector according to claim 31, wherein the protector is composed of several pieces.

Claim 36 (Withdrawn) A protector according to claim 31, wherein the protector accommodates an orthodontic fastening part of several pieces, and wherein the protector simultaneously serves as an assembly gauge which holds together the pieces in a positional correct manner during application.

Claim 37 (Withdrawn) An applicator for the positionally correct attachment of an orthodontic fastening part which is protected with a protector, the applicator comprising a receiver cavity in which the orthodontic fastening part where appropriate with the protector is accommodated in a sealed and complementary manner and an intermediate space as an adhesive receiver space remains between a sealing surface of the applicator and a bonding surface of the orthodontic fastening part and wherein at least one aid for aligning the applicator or the orthodontic fastening part held therein relative to the tooth is present on the applicator.

Claim 38 (Withdrawn) An applicator according to claim 37, wherein the applicator includes a sealing surface comprising an edge running around the inserted orthodontic fastening part in a closed manner which defines a surface which contacts or runs distant to a bonding surface of the inserted fastening part.

Claim 39 (Withdrawn) An applicator according to claim 37, wherein the applicator includes an angulation indicator which renders the angulation alignment recognizable.

Claim 40 (Withdrawn) An applicator according to claim 37, wherein the applicator includes a torque indicator which renders the torque alignment recognizable.

Claim 41 (Withdrawn) An applicator according to claim 37, wherein the applicator includes a torque indicator running at least approximately perpendicular to an axis of the tooth and perpendicular to a base surface of an arch receiver slot of the orthodontic fastening part applied in the applicator.

Claim 42 (Withdrawn) An applicator according to claim 39, wherein the aid is integrally formed on the applicator.

Claim 43 (Withdrawn) An applicator according to claim 37, wherein the applicator is manufactured of plastic.

Claim 44 (Withdrawn) An applicator according to claim 39, further comprising:
a rotation indicator integrally formed on the angulation indicator indicating the tooth alignment, the indicator running essentially parallel to an arch receiving slot.

Claim 45 (Withdrawn) An applicator according to claim 44, wherein a plurality of rotation indicators run parallel to one another.

Claim 46 (Withdrawn) An applicator according to claim 41, wherein two torque indicators run parallel to one another.

Claim 47 (Withdrawn) An applicator according to claim 37, wherein the applicator is provided with a protector which is integrally formed therein.

Claim 48 (Withdrawn) An applicator according to claim 37, wherein the aid is integrally formed on the applicator.

Claim 49 (Withdrawn) An applicator according to claim 41, wherein the aid is integrally formed on the applicator.